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Wilson raps

Police Chief Wilson knows how to rap! "Rap," in simple terms, means "to talk;" in more sophisticated, complex linguistic terminology, "to establish rapport."

Chief Jerry Wilson "rapped" the FBA November meeting by his clear, concise, comprehensive, straight delivery, until after the usual 10 p.m. adjournment time. Even when President Al Cottrell attempted to close the question period, the Chief enthusiastically refused the offer and continued his spellbinding response to all interrogators.

Some of the main points brought out in the questioning and answering clearly revealed that many of the crime problems of our city and nation are merely the well-known obvious part of the iceberg, with the bigger problem underneath.

We need better employment opportunities. Many crimes are simply committed by men out of work. Prostitution is increasing on Connecticut Avenue because the women of pleasure are being brought here from other parts of the nation. They flourish here because they do not "get time" for a first arrest. Ghetto residents are afraid, each day when they do go to work, that their valuables will be gone when they return home that night. The District has no treatment program and fifty percent of crime is committed by addicts.

The justice system took its share of the blame as Chief Wilson indicated "justice is too slow," we need a "practical detention" system, and "a court system with enough judge power to act swiftly." Our court record system is so far behind that the police "have re-arrested people who, according to court records, were still in jail."

An interesting point that reared its moot head concerned the legality of detention. The Chief believes in detention and takes pleasure that the recent Crime Commission was composed of lawyers, "and they all recommended detention!"

This is all well and good, but, as members of a concerned citizens group, there is a definite form of action that all of us who are literate can take. Most congressmen are not insensitive to their mail. If we do not care enough about the situation to pen a brief note to Congress, we deserve whatever situation we get.

These are the persons in Congress to whom you should write on matters pertaining to the District of Columbia except its appropriations:

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room at the inn

THE NOVEMBER MORATORIUM AT ST. PAUL'S

During the November Moratorium St. Paul's Parish extended hospitality to over 200 students, most of whom were here from the University of Miami, and smaller groups from the University of Pennsylvania, and Rutgers University. Members of the congregation were present to assist them, and to supervise their stay, and we were most impressed by their cooperation, courtesy, and graciousness. A local group of students used the kitchen to provide soup for chilled and hungry demonstrators downtown. The students brought with them sleeping bags, and for the most part their own food, the parish providing coffee and kitchen privileges. The visitors cleaned up before leaving. The students have expressed their gratitude, not only verbally and by letter to the parish, but a tangible expression through a check. St. Stephen's also played host to a large group and its parishioners were on hand to help out.

Any time several hundred persons come together, especially in a situation where there are inadequate facilities, there is apprehension, and yet the behavior of the students was most impressive, and we are glad to have had some part in their expression of concern for peace in the world.

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HIGHLIGHTS



On December 10th we welcome a new and distinguished organization to Foggy Bottom. That is the date of the first performance of the Washington Theater Club in its new theater at 1101 23rd Street, N.W. Don't let the title of the first attraction frighten you, "The Decline and Fall of the Entire World as Seen Through the Eyes of Cole Porter", it's a musical review. For ticket information call 265-4700. Weekday performances begin at 8:00 p.m. so you don't have to sacrifice sleep to see the show.

Burt Wilson

ORESTES, by Euripides, translated by William Arrow-smith, Circle in the Square; Ford's Theatre, Dec. 2 thru Jan. 11; Tues., thru Sat., eves., 7:30; Wed., and Sat., mat., at 2:00 & Sun., at 3:00 PM. For ticket information call 347-6260.

PLAZA SUITE, by Neil Simon, National Theatre; Dec. 1, thru Dec. 27, eves., at 7:30 PM. Wed., & Sat., mats., at 2:00 PM. For ticket information call NA 8-3393.

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ma\$e\$ and the mo\$t Pro\$perou\$ of New Year\$

Foggy Bottom Farmer

A deficiency of fall rain has made necessary a December watering of plants - especially evergreens, the newly-planted things and, most of all, fall-planted roses. Also protect the top eight inches of the rose stems with either mounded earth or a mulch of leaves or bark.

Tubbed and potted plants left outside also require a thorough watering before deep freeze-up and again during mild winter weather.

There's still time to plant Tulips, Hyacinths, Daffodils, Crocus, Snow Drops. Frost is negligible and easily broken. Repeating from an earlier column, the potted bulbs can be forced into bloom in a sunny window after six weeks in the cold and dark but above freezing. Pots covered with leaves under an overturned box "does the trick."

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"Curious"

The writer of this sample exhibits manual dexterity and a good sense of rhythm. These qualities could combine to give pleasure performing on a musical instrument if the writer were so inclined. This person is generous, has some literary talent, sometimes gets things done "yesterday," though sometimes procrastinates. I see an appreciation for cultural things, the ability to keep a secret, and some irritability.

You may at first think I have erred, but keep my points in mind and you will no doubt be surprised as time goes on. Best wishes for a joyous Yule.

Swami

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NO
December
F&A
meeting

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from the president:

The Christian community is about to observe the birth of the Man whose concepts of brotherhood for men and nations have for centuries pointed the way to peace on earth. As has been the case on many prior occasions, the message of this celebration is somewhat obscured by a bloody war and the self-interest of many, not alone those who sit in the seats of power.

In the days to come we will look to a new year and to new opportunities. We will seek to build, not tear down, and if we are to build a better city or a better nation, we must start by building a better community. We must endeavor to resolve the divisive questions which confront us in amicable ways and to support mutually acceptable positions with an uninterrupted voice.

As an Association we must seek participation and support in all quarters and particularly from the youthful members of our community. We can do this only by pressing for meaningful reforms in law and government and by being less intent upon the preservation of the status quo.

Accordingly, this is an appeal for your participation in the affairs of the Foggy Bottom Association. Come to our meetings. Our speakers are interesting and stimulating. Express your views on the matters which affect your city and your community. We pledge that they will be courteously received. Dues are a nominal \$3.00 per year and your name on the membership roster constitutes an expression of interest in and concern for the community where you live—Foggy Bottom.

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Dec. 25-27	"Virgin Spring" plus "Through a Glass Darkly"
Dec. 28-31	"Jules and Jim" plus "Shoot the Piano Player"
Jan. 1-4	"Black Orpheus" plus "Elvira Madigan"

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The dastardly deed, which comes of its ilk, is its one-standing enmity between the sudden disagreement between the two men.



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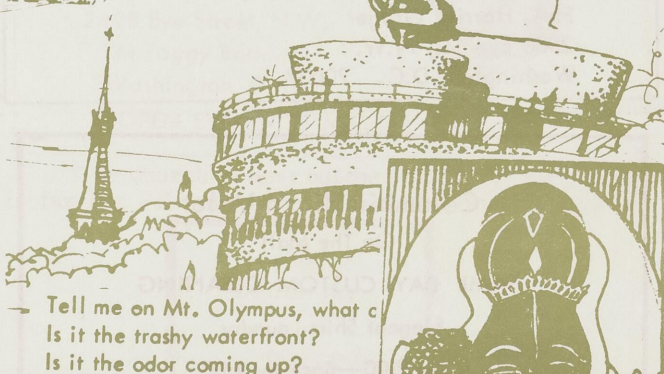
W. S. Lattin

Virginia Ave.



NEW STATUE

That raised finger of the new statue at Virginia and New Hampshire Avenues belongs to Don Benito Juarez, Mexico's greatest patriot, full-blooded Zapotec Indian, contemporary of Abraham Lincoln, and President of Mexico in 1860.



1969

Virginia Ave. took its place along with Pennsylvania Ave. which traditionally has been known as "the Avenue" and still is by many. Sometimes the hulking structure of Watergate looming out of the mist looked like a Cunard liner. It took Mrs. Volpe's daughter to humanize it with, "Mother, I never thought you'd be living over a grocery."

New pride on the Avenue prompted some to call the confluence of Va., 25th and N.H. Ave. a circle and name it for Juarez whose statue with the upraised finger there points to the two Plazas. Ladies in one were irate when a "Daily" printed a story about ladies (since moved) in the other.

Yes, Virginia Ave., like Pennsylvania Ave., has become a place. There are four new retailers, a psychiatrist, a gynecologist, a pediatrician, and a dentist at Columbia Plaza and two new retailers at Watergate. The steel is going up for the last office-apartment complex there and at the Center for the Performing Arts the famous billboard art has been "winterized" with a brushed on coating of transparent plastic by the John F. Kennedy Boy Scout Troop.

Pennsylvania Ave. grew too - Xerox copies for 5 cents at one new store; an "antiquer" jumped Rock Creek from Georgetown and a European hair stylist arrived.

A new townhouse went up facing the 26th St. park which now seems to effectively screen the Expressway.

The two Avenues have come closer - May Fiesta, Oktoberfest, the Art Show in the Court of The 25 and on the way those dooryard gardens filled with flowers and friends to speak to - the Browns on their doorstep above the walk. And we can't forget the Churches opening their doors to give shelter on the 15th of November.

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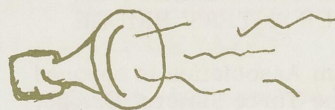
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the foghorn

(In which the editor attempts to find his way)

Probably the alert observer who notices the first robin of Spring also perceives the first "partridge of Christmas" in the form of a wreath or holly sprig inconspicuously tucked in the corner of an ad the first Sunday in November or sooner, perhaps even wondering how much earlier the first reminder of Christmas will appear the following year. His reaction likely follows the line that merchants are becoming greedier and more commercial every year.

We must all admit the need of nearly perpetual prodding by our wives or mothers or the like in order to complete certain tasks on time. Retailers, in an effort to ease the strain of the annual surge of last minute shoppers, and to spread the heavier buying activity commensurate with the Christmas season over a longer period of time, begin reminding us as early as they think we will tolerate it.

It is not the merchants who are the villains in continually advancing the starting date for yule advertising; the villains are those multitudes who at the sign of the first wreath know it is time to begin shopping, yet procrastinate to the last possible minute, then deluge the stores like starlings at sunset.

For the clerks, Christmas is its own peaceful reward for having endured the annual onslaught, and it begins a just rest before the coming of the next.

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE THREE SISTERS' BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Foggy Bottom Association is opposed to the construction of the Three Sisters' Bridge, and

WHEREAS, present highway plans associated with the construction of said bridge if carried out would make impossible the long-sought restoration of the Georgetown waterfront, and

WHEREAS, the addition of more cars and trucks which inevitably follows the construction of more freeways would further contaminate the already heavily polluted environment of this city, and

WHEREAS, on 3 October 1969, the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations and other associations and individuals brought action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to permanently enjoin the District and other defendants from constructing said bridge until they have complied with the appropriate titles of the District Code, the U.S. Code and other statutes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Foggy Bottom Association authorizes the President to have the Association join as an additional plaintiff in said legal action and in so doing to obligate the Association to pay not more than fifty dollars (\$50) of the legal and other expenses of said action.

Passed Monday, November 24, 1969

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Candles

Candles have been used in Christian worship since the earliest times, gradually increasing in popularity until February 2 became Candlemas. Wax lights had to be used in church because it was tradition that bees came from Paradise, and even today paschal candles and other candles used at Mass must be at least 65% pure beeswax, and candles used on the altar at least 25%. Our practice of lighting candles for loved ones and for the dead goes back to the ancient Roman lighting of candles for the veneration of the dead, of the gods, and of the emperor. Christians burned candles in funeral processions, at tombs, especially of martyrs, and before relics of saints.

Winter Solstice

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Harold Boutin, architect for St. Stephen Martyr Church, needed an artist to help design and to execute stained glass windows for the new sanctuary being built in 1960 at 25th and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. He knew that only one man would do: Gabriel Loire. Loire then 56 years old, had already created hundreds of windows for other buildings in the U.S. and said of his own work: "I would like to make a church entirely of stained glass--a tent of color, breathing peace and joy and God's love." (Reader's Digest, Dec., 1969).

Mr. Boutin recalls how, after contacting Loire's representative in New York City, he took the designs that he had drawn up to Chartres, France, to commission Loire to undertake the job. For three days he and Loire discussed the design through an interpreter, as Loire spoke little English. Boutin went to Spain for three weeks and, on his return to France, approved the final design which had then been drawn up.

St. Stephen's large window was constructed by Loire in Chartres piecemeal and then shipped in three by four foot rectangles to Washington where it was put together and inserted in the Church.

Loire works with a type of glass five times thicker than antique glass called "dalle" or "slab glass". Rather than being held together by soft lead, it is structured in cement with a metal framework making it strong enough to become part of the actual support structure of the Church.

The St. Stephen's window depicts the ecclesiastical calendar, beginning with the birth of Christ and ending with the triumphant resurrection which rises above the other scenes and dominates the top half of the glittering half-sphere.

The best view of the window can be found at the bus stop across Pennsylvania Avenue from the Church. As many bus riders can testify, on a cold night, the sight of the window can make the night seem a bit warmer.

Roberta Watson

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IT WAS A FINE PARTY!

It's late — but never too late — to reminisce a little about the Oktoberfest, and most importantly to say a big thank you to all who helped make it a fine party.

No chairman could have had it easier, with helpers like BOB and BARBARA ANDERSON, who arranged for the band and whose costumes added spirit to the occasion; DOROTHY SCHOENEMAN, who provided her station wagon, hard work and good counsel; LESLIE WILDER for designing the promotion flyer; FRAN SMITH and ANITA HEBERT who provided their culinary arts (complete with chef's hat); JOHN SMITH, who among other duties was the cooks' helper; MARGARET CULHANE, whose enthusiasm is infectious and sparked us all; and to all who pitched in and helped on the spot, including BETTY BROWN and many others.

And to our good neighbors who helped with the "material" things: HARRY COLLIER of Tiffany Cleaners, LESTER and ANN DOBBS of Federal Market; and the MESSRS. DE SANDO of the Channel House.

And most especially to St. Paul's for providing the "hall" — and the diligent prayers of REV. RICHARD MARTIN, who was in charge of the weather. You may recall that it was gray and chilly all day — but the sun popped out at 3:30, just in time for the party!

Foggy Doings

We can report that the "restoration" at the SIMON house on Eye Street is going well, but has been temporarily interrupted by the arrival of VICTORIA MARIE in early November. The small dark-haired beauty has made herself at home in the charming nursery prepared by BILL and ARIN (that's one room they finished early!)

Another pretty little lady is back in FB, Miss TRACY LANGSTON. Tracy was born here before her parents CHUCK and GRETCHEN moved to South Dakota. The whole family has returned to Eye Street, and Chuck is now with ABC News.

Welcome back to HARRIET GRUGER, who has been traveling north (Seattle) and south (Florida), and who has returned in time for the holidays. I'm sure she is more than pleased to see new trees along 26th Street. . . . And have you seen that small bundle of beige fur at 25th & K? His name is Oliver, and needs all his puppy pep to keep up with STELLA ROSENBLATT.

We were saddened by the news of the passing in mid-December of MRS. FRICK, the resident manager at the Alamac on 25th Street, after a long illness.

Foggy Bottom has lost, at least temporarily, one of its sprightly and civic minded residents. Charlotte Breckenridge has moved to another part of the city and we shall miss her.

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Hule Events

The earliest celebration of Christmas dates back to the third century, at which time the Christian intention was to counteract the Roman Pagan Feast in honor of the pagan god, "The Unconquerable Sun," celebrated on December 25th, according to Father Virgil Lobring, O.F.M., of the Franciscan Monastery.

Noted for his severe and restrained style, Ben Jonson was a Cavalier Poet of the seventeenth century. The "Birth of Christ," symbolizing the "Light of the World," was a traditional theme among the Metaphysical Poets of the period, with its primary source found in the early Scriptures of St. John.

As residents of Foggy Bottom, during the twentieth century, the Pastors and Ministers of our nine neighboring Parishes, urge you once again to renew this "Joyful Mystery" by taking part in the Nativity Services of the Church of your choice, in keeping with this sacred tradition.

- Church of the Pilgrims
22nd and P Streets, N.W.
Ministers--Herbert Meza
Hugh B. Carter, Jr.
A. Thomas Murphy, Jr.

December 25, 4:00 to 7:00 pm, Open House, Christmas Music, light refreshments.
January 1, 11:00 am, Brunch in Fellowship Hall, Communion and Worship.

- Community of Christ
1319 21st Street, N.W.
Pastor--John E. Schramm
December 24, 6:30 pm, Worship and Carol Service for children at 2107 N Street.

- Concordia United Church of Christ
20th and G Streets, N.W.
Pastor--Carl F. Schroer
December 19, 7:30 pm, All-Church Christmas Party.
December 21, 9:45 am, Church School Christmas Program. At 5:00 pm, refreshments and fellowship at the Schroers.
December 24, 4:30 pm, German Language Service; 6:30 pm, Choir Cantata and Candle-Lighting Service.

- Nineteenth Street Baptist Church
19th and Eye Streets, N.W.
Pastor--Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Jr.
December 21, 11:00 am, Special Youth Service; 5:00 pm, Sacred Christmas Musical.
December 25, 10:30 am, Divine Service of Worship.

- St. Mary's Episcopal Church
728 23rd Street, N.W.
Rector--F. Everett Abbott
December 24, 5:00 pm, Manger Service for children, Procession of Lights; 11:00 pm, Midnight Service, Holy Communion.
December 25, 8:00 and 11:00 am, Holy Communion.

- St. Paul's Episcopal Church
2430 K Street, N.W.
Rector--James Richards
December 23 and 24, 12:00 to 1:00 pm, and 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Confessions.
December 24, 11:30 pm, Solemn Procession and Solemn Con-celebrated Mass at Midnight.

December 25, 7:45 am, Morning Prayer; 8:00 am, Low Mass; 10:00 am, Solemn Mass and Sermon; 6:00 pm, Evening Prayer.

- Church of St. Stephen Martyr
25th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Pastor--Rev. Edward J. O'Brien
Priests--Rev. Edward J. McCarthy
Rev. John F. Macfarlane
Rev. Aldo P. Petrini

December 24, Confessions - 4:00 to 6:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 pm.; 11:30 pm, Christmas Carols; 12:00 am, Midnight Mass.

December 25, Masses - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am., 12:00 and 1:15 pm.

December 31, Confessions - 5:00 to 6:00 and 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

January 1, Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord, Masses 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 and 1:15 pm., Evening Mass, 6:15 pm.

- Union Methodist Church
20th St. at Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Minister--Andrew K. Meeder
December 21, 11:00 am, Special Advent Music and Morning Worship.
December 24, 11:00 pm, Carol Candlelighting Service, jointly with Western Presbyterian, at Western Presbyterian.

- Western Presbyterian Church
1906 H Street, N.W.
Minister--C. Stewart McKenzie
December 24, Carol Candlelighting Service, jointly with Union Methodist at Western.
December 31, Candlelight Communion 11:00 to 12:00 Midnight.

A Hymne

on the Nativitie of My Saviour

*I Sing the birth, was borne to night,
The Author both of Life, and light;
The Angels so did sound it,
And like the ravish'd Sheep'ers said,
Who saw the light, and were afraid,
Yet search'd, and true they found it.*

*The Sonne of God, th'Eternall King,
That did us all salvation bring,
And freed the soule from danger;
Hee whom the whole world could not
take,
The Word, which heaven, and earth did
make;
Was now laid in a Manger.*

*The Fathers wisdom would it so,
The Sonnes obedience knew no No,
Both wills were in one stature;
And as that wisdom had decreed,
The Word was now made Flesh indeed,
And tooke on him our Nature.*

*What comfort by him doe wee winne?
Who made himselfe the price of sinne,
To make us heires of glory?
To see this Babe, all innocence;
A Martyr borne in our defence;
Can man forget this Storied?*